<u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u>

UTAH FOOD, AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM

Salt Lake City, Utah USA August 11 – 13, 2003

SPONSORS:

Utah Department of Agriculture & Food

Utah State University

Utah International Business Development Office

ARRANGEMENTS:

Mesnew, Inc. – International Human Resources Exchange

The Utah Department of Agriculture & Food in conjunction with various Utah professional and scientific organizations is sponsoring a symposium for Chinese guests interested in agriculture production, irrigation technology, food processing and technology, soil and water conservation and marketing.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(tentative)

Monday August 11 GOVERNMENT & PRODUCTION

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

"Agriculture, Production & Marketing"

Morning

9:00 -11:30 Welcome

Introductions

Utah Department of Agriculture

Programs/Tour

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

Afternoon

1:30-5:30 Seminar of Production Agriculture: Alfalfa hay,

fruit, vegetables, swine, cattle & sheep.

6:00 Dinner

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Tuesday August 12 IRRIGATION & CONSERVATION

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

Morning

9:00-11:30 a.m. "Irrigation in the Arid Western United States"

Monitoring Utah's Limited Water Resources

(Quantity and Quality) Irrigation technology

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

Afternoon

1:15 –4:30 p.m. Water Quality –"Utah's Strategy to Controlling

Water Pollution from Animal Waste"

Soil Erosion - Utah Association of Conservation

Districts

Composting Animal Waste

5:00 p.m. Dinner

Wednesday August 13 SCIENCE & AGRICULTURE

Morning

7:00 a.m. Depart for Logan, Utah

Utah State University

9:30 a.m. USU Food & Nutrition Science

Food Technology Product Development

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:30-4:30 p.m. USU Biotechnology Center

5:00 p.m. Return to Salt Lake City

7:30 p.m. Farewell Reception with dinner

The Utah Department of Agriculture & Food is proud to sponsor this Food, Agriculture & Conservation Symposium to bring together US and Chinese professionals and experts and to provide for the exchange of ideas and information in the field of agriculture.

February 6, 2003

Dear Symposium Participant:

Utah agriculture was established by early pioneers more than 150 years ago on a high desert plateau of the American Rocky Mountains. The fertile mountain valleys provide unique soils, alpine water and a climate that produces foods of exceptional quality.

Utah is known for its exceptional beef, pork, poultry and trout that are complimented by delicious fruits, vegetables, berries, and grains of all kinds. The mountain valleys and high quality alfalfa hay provides the foundation of the finest cheeses and dairy products. Utah is home to the only Ultra High Temperature (UHT) milk produced in the Western United States.

In addition to our progressive agriculture industry, Utah has a vast array of production and processing technologies. Utah's limited water resources requires cutting edge irrigation technology from the state's universities and private companies. Utah farmers and ranchers are sensitive to environmental concerns and are leaders in addressing soil and water conservation and animal waste issues.

Utah is a world leader in developing food processing and manufacturing science and technology. Utah State University's Food and Nutrition Science and Biotechnology programs are world renowned.

I look forward to your visit to Utah and participation in our Food, Agriculture and Conservation Symposium.

Best regards,

Cary G. Peterson, Commissioner Utah Department of Agriculture & Food